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LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at the DaVinci Centre. The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chairman
Ken McWhirter, Vice Chairman
Jim Vukmanich
Veikko Long
Robert Stewart
Bernie Kamphof
Guy Jarvis
Paul McAlister
Hartley Multamaki
Ross Chuchman

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mervi Henttonen, LRCA General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Kate Turner, Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison
Chris Beveridge, Thunder Bay District Health Unit Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Saunders, Source Protection Manager
Tammy Cook, LRCA Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn, Source Protection GIS Specialist
Neal Zago, Source Protection Communications Officer
Tony Santos, City of Thunder Bay
Gary Jansekovich, City of Thunder Bay
Steve Wakewich, City of Thunder Bay
Mike Mcleod, City of Thunder Bay
Carl Goodwin, City of Thunder Bay
Adam Tempelman, City of Thunder Bay

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

A presentation was provided by the Source Protection Manager for City of Thunder Bay Water Treatment employees. The presentation described the Source Protection Planning Process to date. A copy of the presentation was provided.

After the presentation, time was allotted for questions and further discussion.

The following salient points regarding potential threats to the Intake Protection Zone were raised by City of Thunder Bay employees:

1. Ship anchorage and marker buoy at intake zone.
2. Fuel storage on Thunder Bay and Hydro sites.
3. Offshore wind devices.

It was noted that only moderate and low threats can be identified in the local Intake Protection Zone's due to the associated vulnerability scoring.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PLANNING

Notice of Commencement of Source Protection Plan Preparation

Draft text for the Notices regarding Commencement of Source Protection Plan Preparation was provided for information purposes. These letters are required by *Section 19.(1) and 19.(2) of O. Reg. 287/07* pursuant to the "*Clean Water Act, 2006*". Changes will be made to the letters and they will be distributed by December 17, 2010. The Source Protection Manager and SPC Chair will meet with the Municipalities and property owners to expand on the notice and give them any further information needed. A press conference is planned for the New Year.

Hiring of Source Protection Planning Consultant

Committee Members were advised that the services of a Planner will be engaged by the Authority in order to provide assistance with SWP policy development. Funds for this were allocated in the SWP budget.

Source Protection Plan Regulation Training

For information purposes, the package provided by the Ministry of the Environment at the Source Protection Plan Regulation Training session was provided.

Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

For information purposes, material from the SPPAC Meeting which took place on November 10, 2010, was provided. It was noted that the Policy Webforum has been completed and Source Protection Chairs and Project Managers now have access to this policy sharing tool.

6. WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Thunder Bay Remedial Action Plan Public Advisory Committee (RAP-PAC)

For information purposes, the material provided for the November 10, 2010 RAP-PAC Meeting was provided.

7. SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Update from Ministry of Environment (MOE) Liaison

It was noted that the Ministry of the Environment held a Source Protection Plan Regulation Training session for the Ontario Public Service workers. The 27 attendees were from 6 different Ministries. Those in attendance showed great interest in the Source Protection Plan and the planning process.

It was noted that three Assessment Reports have been approved and posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR).

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) File: Practising Shared Water Governance in Canada

For information purposes, a Report produced by the Program on Water Governance titled “Practising Shared Water Governance in Canada: A Primer” was provided. It was confirmed that the two SPA’s outside of CA boundaries are Severn Sound and Northern Bruce Peninsula as referred in the Primer.

b) File: Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee September 2010 Minutes

For information purposes, the Minutes from the September 10, 2010, Sault Ste. Marie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting were provided.

c) File: Request for Information

For information purposes, Members were advised that a Lakehead University student had requested a copy of the Assessment Report. The Report was provided with the disclaimer that it has not yet received full approval from the Ministry of the Environment.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

It was noted that Dr. Robert Stewart and Jim Vukmanich attended the Binational Forum Meeting in Marathon. The Minutes from the Meeting and other information are available on the Binational Forum website.

10. NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that a presentation of modelling work completed by Environment Canada on the consequences of an oil spill occurring off the shores of Thunder Bay would be helpful to the SPC.

It was suggested a presentation from the planning consultant on the Municipal Planning Process would be helpful to the SPC.

It was suggested that all-day policy development sessions would be helpful in the initial stages of Source Protection Plan development.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

13. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:38 p.m.